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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)	
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US99/20568		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE September 13, 1999		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED September 10, 1999	
TITLE OF INVENTION Device, System and Method for On-Line Explosive Deslagging					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Zilka et al.					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an <b>express</b> request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). Copy from parent US 09/394,377, of which this application is a continuation. 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:					
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Certificate of mailing. Because this is a continuation of parent 09/394,377, and been new matter in the prior application, a copy of the declaration from this parent application, 09/248,301 is being submitted herewith, under 37 CFR 1.63(d). Because this is a continuation of US 09/394,377, the assignment of 09/394,377, to North American Industrial Services, which is recorded at reel / frame 010259/0798, applies to the current application as well under MPEP 306. All filings were in English; hence no translations are needed.					

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**RE: PCT/US99/20568, US ENTRY UNDER 35 USC 371, AND ASSOCIATED  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**

**FILED: SEPTEMBER 13, 1999; INVENTOR: ZILKA ET AL.**

**TITLE: DEVICE, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ON-LINE EXPLOSIVE  
DESLAGGING**

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Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed the following materials for entry of the above-referenced application into the U.S. national stage:

- Transmittal letter concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 (2 sheets).
- Copy of Declaration from parent application US 09/394,377 (2 pages plus 2 supplemental sheets), of which this application is a continuation.
- Credit Card Payment Form for \$1045, for application filing fees.
- Form PTO/SB/08A (3 sheets total).

Additionally, please note the following:

- Because this is a continuation of parent 09/394,377, and its specification and drawings do not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application, a copy of the declaration from this parent application 09/248,301 is being submitted herewith, under 37 CFR 1.63(d).
- The power of attorney granted the undersigned with the parent application 09/394,377 applies to this application as well.
- Because this is a continuation of US 09/394,377, the assignment of 09/394,377, to NorthAmerican Industrial Services, which is recorded at reel / frame 010259/0798, applies to the current application as well under MPEP 306.

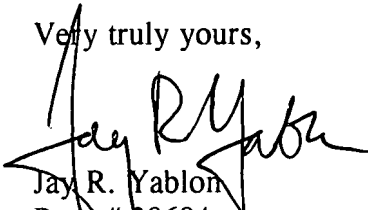
- The attached drawings are to be regarded as FORMAL drawings.
- This is to assert that applicants and assignee qualify for small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

The following are comments on the references cited on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, pursuant to Rule 98:

All of the references disclosed herein were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent Office in applicants' prior U.S. application 09/394,377. Furthermore, 09/394,377 was relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Therefore, copies of these references need not be provided under 37 CFR 1.98(d).

Furthermore, a "concise explanation of relevance" under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for all of these references – though optional for English-language references – has already been provided in connection with parent application 09/394,377, and so need not be repeated here.

Very truly yours,

  
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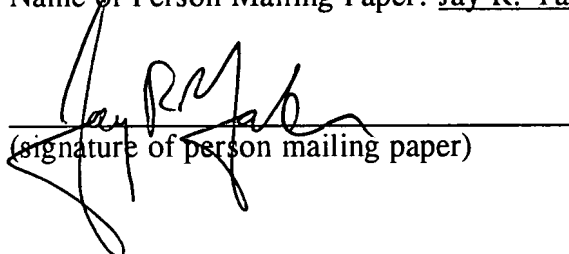
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